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SUBJECT: SYRIAN REACTION TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF LABOR PARTY MAP

1. UNDER HEADLINE "PARTY OF RABIN ADOPTS MAP OF EXPANSION AND WAR," JUNE 20 AL-BAATH PUBLISHED ISRAELI LABOR PARTY POSITION ON ARAB-ISRAEL SETTLEMENT QUOTING SECYGEN ZARMI THAT IT INCLUDED ANNEXATION OF GOLAN HEIGHTS TO ISREAL.

2. COMMENTING ON THIS REPORT, AL-BAATH COLUMNIST MUHAMMAD MANSOUR WROTE JUNE 22, UNDER TITLE "ISRAELI LABOR PARTY ANNEXATION MAP", THAT "MAP PRESENTED BY THE RULING PARTY IN ISRAELI ABSOLUTELY CONFIRMS THE CONTINUATION OF AGGRESSIVE PLANS AGAINST THE ARAB NATION." REVIEWING FULL LIST OF GOLAN HEIGHTS-SHARM AL-SHAYKH-WEST BANK-JERUSALEM TERRITORIES LABOR PARTY PROPOSED TO RETAIN IN ISRAELI HANDS, MANSOUR EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ON POSITIVE RESULTS OF REASSESSMENT AND WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS SINCE "ISRAELI POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED."
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3. AL-THAWRAH COLUMNIST ALSO DISCUSSED LABOR PARTY MAP, CLAIMING THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS REVEALED TO WORLD "ISRAEL'S FALSE PRETENTIONS" TOWARD PEACE. "WITH ALL ARROGANCE", COLUMNIST ADDED, "ISRAELI PRIMIN SAID HE HAD MADE CLEAR TO PRESIDENT FORD THAT EVEN IN A PEACE AGREEMENT ISRAEL COULD NOT GIVE UP GOLAN HEIGHTS."

4. COMMENT: COMMENTS BY SEVERAL SYRIAN OFFICIALS TO EMBOFFS OVER PAST FEW DAYS INDICATE WIDESPREAD AWARENESS OF LABOR PARTY'S "MAP." THEY HAVE UNIFORMLY INTERPRETED IT AS REVEALING TRUE POSITION OF ISRAELI GOVT DESPITE MORE MODERATE STATEMENTS BY PRIMIN RABIN AND OTHERS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY OF EMBASSY TEL AVIV'S ANALYSIS.
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